

Internal Medicine Residency at Keesler Medical Center



- **Why Air Force or military medicine?**

- Opportunity to serve your country, travel and chance to work overseas
- Intelligent/appreciative patients who are good partners with their own care
- Good chance for fellowship or assignment of choice after residency
- Low malpractice risk and no insurance requirement
- Minimal hassles with third -party payers, Medicare, Medicaid, etc.

- **Why Internal Medicine?**

- Fun and rewarding!
- Work with high quality clinic, ward and ICU colleagues
- Intellectually challenging
- Good lifestyle (manageable work hours)

- **Why specifically an Internal Medicine residency at Keesler AFB, Mississippi?**

- Great atmosphere. Residents are always treated with respect.
- Great place to live—weather, water sports, golf, casinos, nightlife, shows and food
- Local people - love the military and the hospital
- Affiliation with University of Mississippi IM residency with opportunity for ICU and elective rotations at a major academic center



- Outstanding teaching staff, both internists and sub-specialists
- Direct access to sub-specialists (No competing fellows for procedures or teaching)
- Research opportunities: Abstracts presented by residents at Army / Air Force ACP annual meeting (2009 Jeopardy® champions!)
- Marina on base for boat access and fishing

- **Other facts:**

- 8 residents selected per year
- USUHS/HPSP medical students are always encouraged to rotate in a clerkship with us!!

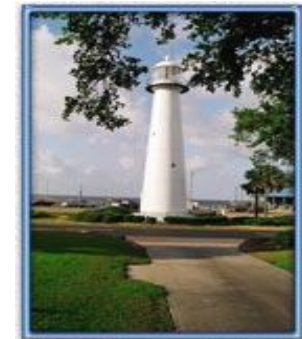
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- **Quick facts about Biloxi, MS**

- Average temperature 74°
- Easy beach access
- 90 miles from New Orleans
- 115 miles to Pensacola
- 19 miles from airport

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Healthy in War and Peace

81st MEDICAL GROUP MISSION

Promote and maintain combat ready forces, provide world-class medical care to our community, while educating the healthcare team.

OPERATIONS

Keesler Medical Center is a modern and efficient facility providing the most current routine and specialized healthcare programs available today. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations renewed accreditation for our internal medicine residency program for 2009-2012.

The 81st Medical Group is the largest stand-alone medical group in the Air Force, serving more than 27,500 enrolled patients and more than 75,000 beneficiaries along the Gulf Coast. Keesler Medical Center employs 280 Credentialed physicians and non-physician health-care providers plus an additional 55 graduate medical education students. Keesler providers log more than 20,000 outpatient visits per month, and have an average inpatient census of 40 per day with a daily average of 100 Emergency Services visits.

The medical center has an annual operating

budget of more than \$79 million, supporting primary care, consultative support, graduate medical education, clinical research, and comprehensive health and dental care in over 100 specialties. Equipped with 54 operating inpatient beds, a surge capacity of 113 beds, and a staff of more than 1,600 people, the center represents a major concentration of professional capability.

SERVICES

With over 100 specialties, patients have an extensive variety of high quality services available to meet their health care needs, including:

Ambulatory Medicine
Audiology
Cardiac Catherization
Cardiovascular Surgery
Emergency Medicine
Endocrinology
Gastroenterology
Health and Wellness Center
Hematology and Oncology
Hemodialysis and Peritoneal Dialysis
Magnetic Resonance Imaging
Medical Genetics
Nuclear Medicine
Orthopedics and Orthotic Laboratory
Pediatric Surgery
Pediatrics (nine subspecialties)
Psychiatry & Psychology
Plastic Surgery
Radiation Therapy
Rheumatology
Social Work
Substance Abuse Services
Vascular Surgery
Women's Health Services
Ophthalmology & Optometry

Quotes from Previous Residents

- "Keesler is one of the best kept secrets in the Air Force, evidenced by the fact that many of the graduating class want to stay here as staff."
- "Keesler has a very good learning environment with excellent didactics and staff that truly enjoy teaching"
- "The staff is very approachable and resident friendly, and the junior and senior residents are a close-knit group who are very supportive of each other."
- "The fishing and boating in the Gulf of Mexico is top notch, and Keesler is right on the water."
- "The medical Center is large enough to provide a good patient population but small enough to offer a personalized learning experience."
- "We have very easy access to the sub-specialists who are always eager to teach, one on one."



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